



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2020-0227]

Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: NUREG; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing NUREG-1021, Revision 12, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

DATES: NUREG-1021, Revision 12 is available on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** and will be applicable to operator licensing examinations that are administered 6 months after this date. Power reactor facility licensees that elect to prepare, proctor, and grade written examinations and/or prepare operating tests with administration dates 6 months or more after the date of this notice, must do so based on the guidance in NUREG-1021, Revision 12.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2020-0227** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0227**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; e-mail: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. NUREG-1021, Revision 12 is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21256A276.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

NUREG-1021, Revision 12, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," provides policies, procedures, and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of examinations used for licensing operators at nuclear power reactor facilities under the Commission's regulations in part 55 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), "Operators' Licenses." This NUREG also provides guidance for maintaining operators' licenses and for the NRC to conduct requalification examinations when necessary. The NRC is issuing Revision 12 of this NUREG to (1) streamline information into topic-based sections for ease of use, (2) clarify instructions for the identification and grading of performance deficiencies on the operating test, (3) revise instructions for the selection of critical tasks and the assessment of critical and significant performance deficiencies, and (4) implement changes to support the testing of fundamentals topics on the site-specific initial licensing examination instead of in a separate generic fundamentals examination.

II. Additional Information

Revision 12 of NUREG-1021 replaces Revision 11 of NUREG-1021. Draft NUREG-1021, Revision 12, was published in the *Federal Register* for public comment on December 1, 2020 (85 FR 77280) with a 75-day comment period. The NRC received

124 public comments from private citizens and industry organizations. The NRC staff's evaluation and resolution of the public comments are documented in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21211A578.

III. Congressional Review Act

NUREG-1021, Revision 12, is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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